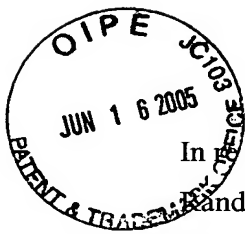


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2005, no paper number given, Applicants respond as follows.